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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: OFFICIAL SUMMARY RECORD 7/3/76

TRANSMITTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE OFFICIAL SUMMARY RECORD
FOR THE NEGOTIATING SESSION OF JULY 3.

QUOTE: THE SESSION CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. THE PHILIPPINE
PANEL EXPRESSED ITS THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE US PANEL
AND THE PERSONNEL AT CLARK, SUBIC, AND RELATED FACILITIES
FOR THE TOURS OF THE FACILITIES.

"THE PANELS AGREED TO OBSERVE THE JULY 5TH HOLIDAY
OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAY AND THE 200TH
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AT 9:30 A.M.

"THE PHILIPPINE PANEL SUBMITTED A PROPOSED TIME-TABLE FOR COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS BY THE END OF JULY IN ANTICIPATION HOPEFULLY OF A FINAL DRAFT BY AUGUST 1 AND PRESENTATION THEREOF TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

"AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE CONCEPT OF A TIMETABLE, AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE TIMETABLE AT THE JULY 6 PLENARY. HE NOTED THE URGENCY WHICH THE US GOVERNMENT ASSIGNED TO RECEIVING COMPLETE FIGURES ON ARTICLE XIX OF THE PHILIPPINE DRAFT, AND REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ NOTED THE REQUEST, AND STATED THAT THE PHILIPPINE PANEL WISHED TO PURSUE ONE FACTOR AMONG OTHERS IN DETERMINING THAT FIGURE--THE US POSITION ON WHAT THE US RESPONSE WOULD BE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY IN THE REED BANK AREA, WHICH THE PHILIPPINES VIEWS AS PART OF ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF. SECRETARY INGLES SAID THAT THE PHILIPPINE POSITION IS BASED ON THE 1958 GENEVA CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.

"AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN STATED THAT THE US VIEWS THIS AREA AS DISPUTED TERRITORY, AND THAT WHILE THE US UNDERSTANDS AND WILL DO NOTHING TO DIMINISH THE PHILIPPINE CLAIM TO THIS AREA, IT SUPPORTS A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE SATISFACTORY TO ALL CLAIMANT PARTIES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM SENATOR PELAEZ, HE NOTED THE US WOULD NOT SEE OCCUPATION OF THAT AREA BY UNFRIENDLY FORCES TO BE A DIRECT THREAT TO THE BASES, NOTING THE LAND AREA IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY PRESENCE.

"THE US PANEL PASSED TO THE PHILIPPINE PANEL FIGURES ON US NAVY MANPOWER AT SUBIC AND A COPY OF THE JAPANESE WHITE PAPER ON DEFENSE.

"AFTER A BRIEF RECESS FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION, THE PANELS AGREED TO TRANSFER CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL PROCUREMENT--
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ARTICLE XIV OF THE PHILIPPINE DRAFT AND ARTICLE XVIII OF THE US DRAFT--FROM THE FACILITIES WORKING GROUP TO THE TAXATION WORKING GROUP. THE PANELS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEED FOR SPECIAL EXPERTISE MIGHT REQUIRE OCCASIONAL SHIFTING OF PERSONNEL BETWEEN WORKING GROUPS AND AGREED THIS WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE.

"THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M. END QUOTE.

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